

KSP to conduct statewide driving permit tests Aug. 2

Kentucky To Offer Second Statewide Permit Testing Event Saturday, Aug. 2; Over 1,300 Appointments Available

Have required documents when scheduling begins July 18

FRANKFORT – Team Kentucky will once again offer a statewide event on Saturday, Aug. 2, to help interested Kentuckians obtain their permit. Appointments are available to all Kentuckians who are eligible to apply. According to state law, applicants must be at least 15 years of age to apply.

“Ensuring all new drivers are able to take the first step toward safe, independent driving is another way we protect our roads and communities,” Gov. Beshear said. “Team Kentucky has been working to create more opportunities for eligible Kentuckians to get their permit in a reasonable timeframe, and I hope folks are able to take advantage of this statewide event on Aug. 2 to sign up and study beforehand.”

More than 1,300 written permit test appointments will be available on Aug. 2 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. at 12 locations, which include Bowling Green, Burlington, Catlettsburg, Elizabethtown, Frankfort, Independence, Jackson, Lexington (Leestown Road), Louisville (Bowman Field), Maysville, Morehead and Pikeville. Applicants can take the test at any of the 12 counties offered. The Kentucky State Police (KSP), which administers state driver testing, will release the appointments on Friday, July 18, beginning at 2:00 p.m. EDT through the online scheduling portal. This one-day event does not include road skills or CDL testing.

In May, KSP and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC), which issues the permit license to applicants who pass the written test, held the first statewide testing event, where 1,104 permit tests were administered.

To ensure a smooth and fair scheduling process, Kentucky State Police Driver Testing Captain Chris Baker said those seeking appointments should prepare necessary documentation and understand that any appointments made using false information or multiple entries under the same name will automatically be canceled. All applicants are asked to provide accurate information when signing up for a slot.

“We want everyone to have a fair shot at securing an appointment,” Capt. Baker said. “Before logging in, please have the required documents and personal details ready. That preparation will help avoid errors and delays in scheduling.”

All permit tests must be scheduled through the KSP’s website at kentuckystatepolice.ky.gov/driver-testing. Prior to arriving to take the test, Kentuckians should remember to:

Bring all required documentation to take to your appointment so the permit test can be administered. Necessary documents include proof of identity such as birth certificate (not a photocopy), proof of Social Security and a School Compliance Verification Form. See KYTC’s licensing website at Drive.ky.gov for a full list of documentation and more info.

Study the Kentucky Driver Manual, which can be found here. Should an applicant not pass the written test, they can schedule another appointment using the online portal.

On Aug. 2, KYTC Driver Licensing Regional Office staff will also be on-site to issue permit licenses to those who pass the written test. The other regional offices will be open from 8 a.m. to noon for all licensing services as part of the once-a-month Saturday hours.

“We’re partnering with KSP

to help serve Kentucky families more efficiently,” said Department of Vehicle Regulation Commissioner Matt Cole. “Whether it’s permit testing or license renewals at one of our 34 regional offices, we are offering more options than ever to make the process faster and more flexible.”

The Governor signed House Bill 15 into law on March 25, which allows 15-year-olds to obtain their permit. As of mid-July, more than 17,000 15-year-olds have earned their permit. State law still requires you to be 16 years old to obtain an intermediate license. For more information about Kentucky’s graduated driver licensing program and requirements to move from a permit to an intermediate license and then to a full, unrestricted license, click here.

For more information about Driver Licensing Regional Office locations, including hours and services provided, visit Drive.Ky.Gov.

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their future real estate needs and how to be prepared financially for the future. They believe that “God’s children are a crown to the aged and parents are the pride of their children”. (Proverbs 17:6). That belief is what brings Mark to be a part of the Kiwanis Club of Lawrenceburg, as it is all about kids.

JESSE CURRENS

Jesse is a dedicated professions with a diverse background in education, athletics, and funeral services. A 2014 graduate of Anderson County High School, Jesse earned a BA degree in sports administration from Georgetown College, along with Masters degrees in teaching from Morehead State University and sports administration from Western Kentucky University. He spent several years as a middle and high school math teacher before serving as the districtwide athletic director for Anderson County schools. In 2024, Jesse began a new life chapter in funeral service and is currently completing his apprenticeship and coursework at Mid-America College of Funeral Service with plans to become a licensed funeral director and embalmer by the end of this year. As a lifelong resident of Anderson County and a member of First Baptist Church, Jesse is proud to be part of the Kiwanis Club of Lawrenceburg.

BRAD DURR

Brad is currently serving as the fire chief of the Anderson County Fire Department. He previously served with the Frankfort Fire Department, from which he recently retired and returned to service in Anderson County. Brad is married to the former Bobbi Lynn Holt and has several children. Brad says he joined the Kiwanis Club of Lawrenceburg to continue his life mission, which includes all types of public service. He says his personal morals and ethics align with the service of Kiwanians, which is to continue to help kids within the community in any way possible.

NATALIE FRASURE

Natalie and her family have lived in Anderson County for 23 years. She taught at the local middle school for several years and in the Woodford County school system prior to moving to Anderson County. Currently Natulie teaches at Anderson County High School, where she is a JAG Specialist and advises high school students, who are JAG members. She is also the school advisor for the Key Club, which is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club. The wife of Chris Frasure, Natalie has owned serval local businesses and is



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involved at First Baptist Church and a variety of other local groups. Natalie dedicates her life to helping kids. She has spent the past 30 years working with children of ages and believes in the vision of Kiwanis, which is “.....that one day all children will wake up in communities that believe in them, nurture them, and provide support they need to thrive.”

SHAWN RUTHERFORD

Shawn is the owner and operator of YOUNITED Services, a general contractor/property management company that helps meet the needs of commercial and residential clients. He holds an Associate Degree in applied science for electronics and has three years of college education in business management. Shawn and his family are 30-year residents of Anderson County and attend Anderson County and attend Hope Community Church in Franklin County. He is married with two adult sons and two grandchildren. Shawn is a member of Gideons International, as well as a mentor for Orphan Care Alliance and Square Up Ministry. He joined the Kiwanis Club of

Lawrenceburg because the club’s focus is same as his, both personally and professionally, in helping kids build their foundation so they can grow and reach their potential.

STEVE VOTAW

Steve is retired after 30 years of service with the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Department in Frankfort. He and his wife, Ann, are longtime residents of Anderson County. Steve currently serves as chief deputy county coroner in Lawrenceburg and also serves a two-term city council member. He is the owner and operator of a local business, Hurricane Bay Carwash, where he has been involved with its operation for 16 years. Steve and his wife are members of Ninevah Christian Church and are “professional” babysitters for their five-year-old granddaughter. He is a United States Army veteran and member of the Masonic Lodge Anderson 90 and St. John’s 125. The motto “Kids Need Kiwanis” is near and dear to Steve’s heart as he has spent a lifetime working for and with children in all areas of their lives.

KSP investigates officer involved shooting

SALVISA – The Kentucky State Police (KSP) have been requested by the Mercer County Sheriff’s Office (MCSO) to investigate an officer-involved shooting that occurred on July 17, 2025, just before 11 p.m. in Mercer County.

Troopers and Detectives from KSP Post 7, Richmond, responded to the scene.

The preliminary investigation indicates MCSO was attempting to serve a warrant at a residence when the suspect, identified as Troy Simmons, 53 years old, of

Mercer county, attempted to flee the scene in a vehicle. He collided into a MCSO’s cruiser, at which time a deputy discharged his agency-issued weapon into the suspect’s vehicle.

Simmons was arrested and is lodged in the Jessamine County Detention Center, charged with Attempted Murder of a First Responder along with other criminal offenses.

The investigation into the incident remains ongoing.

KSP has statewide jurisdiction and investigates officer-

involved shootings throughout the commonwealth as requested by local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies. KSP is committed to being transparent while ensuring the integrity of the investigation. To protect the integrity of an ongoing investigation, it is KSP’s standard operating procedure not to release specific details until vital witnesses have been interviewed and pertinent facts gathered. Timelines to complete investigations vary based on the complexity of the case.

FEMA flood filing deadline July 25

FRANKFORT – Kentucky homeowners and renters who experienced damage or loss caused by the April severe storms, straight-line winds, flooding, landslides and mudslides have less than one week left to apply for federal disaster assistance. The deadline to apply is July 25.

How To Apply for FEMA Assistance

There are several ways to apply for FEMA assistance:

- Online at DisasterAssistance.gov.
- Visit any Disaster Recovery Center. To find a center close to you, visit fema.gov/DRC, or text DRC along with your Zip Code to 43362 (Example: “DRC 29169”).
- Use the FEMA mobile app.
- Call the FEMA Helpline at 800-621-3362.

Help is available in many languages. If you use a relay service, such as Video Relay Service (VRS), captioned telephone or other service, give FEMA your number for that service.

FEMA works with every household on a case-by-case basis.

FEMA representatives can explain available assistance programs, how to apply to FEMA, and help connect survivors with resources for their recovery needs.


When you apply, you will need to provide:

- A current phone number where you can be contacted.
- Your address at the time of the disaster and the address where you are now staying.
- Your Social Security Number.
- A general list of damage and losses.
- Banking information if you choose direct deposit.
- If insured, the policy number or the agent and/or the company name.

Survivors should keep their contact information updated with FEMA as the agency may need to call to schedule a home inspection or get additional information.

Disaster assistance is not a substitute for insurance and is not intended to compensate for all losses caused by a disaster. The assistance is intended to meet basic needs and supplement disaster recovery efforts.

For more information about Kentucky flooding recovery, visit www.fema.gov/disaster/4864. Follow the FEMA Region 4 X account at x.com/femaregion4.



LEGAL NOTICE

ANDERSON COUNTY FISCAL COURT
137 SOUTH MAIN STREET
LAWRENCEBURG, KENTUCKY 40342
(502)839-3471

ORDINANCE #2025-3
AN ORDINANCE OF THE ANDERSON FISCAL COURT RELATING TO STREET-LEGAL SPECIAL PURPOSE VEHICLES

WHEREAS, 2025 Ky. Acts ch. 89 (hereinafter "the Act") became law on March 26, 2025 and allows for the operation of street-legal special purpose vehicles on certain highways within the Commonwealth of Kentucky if allowed by ordinance of the local government within whose jurisdictional boundaries the highway is located; and

WHEREAS, the Act becomes effective on Friday, June 27, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Anderson County Fiscal Court has determined that it is appropriate to allow the operation of street-legal special purpose vehicles on specified highways within the jurisdictional boundaries of Anderson County in accordance with the Act and this ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED by the fiscal court of county of Anderson, Commonwealth of Kentucky as follows:

SECTION ONE

DEFINITIONS: The definitions set forth in Section 1(1) of the 2025 Ky. Acts ch. 89 (hereinafter "the Act"), and as may be amended in the future by the Kentucky General Assembly, are adopted and incorporated by reference as if set forth fully herein.

SECTION TWO

DESIGNATED HIGHWAYS: Street-legal special purpose vehicles shall be allowed to the extent permitted by the Act on all highways that are located within the jurisdictional limits of Anderson County.

SECTION THREE

EXCEPTIONS: Street-legal special purpose vehicles shall not be allowed to operate:

(a) On any highway, or portion thereof, located within the jurisdictional limits of Anderson County unless allowed by this ordinance.

(b) On any highway, or portion thereof, that is a controlled access system, including but not limited to an interstate or parkway; or

(c) On any highway, or portion thereof, where the United States Department of Agriculture prohibits special purpose vehicles.

SECTION FOUR

PROHIBITIONS:

(a) Street-legal special purpose vehicles are prohibited from traveling a distance greater than twenty (20) miles on a highway displaying centerline pavement markings.

(b) Minitrucks shall not be operated as street-legal special purpose vehicles on a highway that has been constructed pursuant to a federal highway program.

SECTION FIVE

EFFECTIVE DATE:
This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, attestation, and publication as required by law.

GIVEN FIRST READING on the 15th DAY OF July 2025.

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/S/ORBREY GRITTON
ANDERSON COUNTY JUDGE EXECUTIVE

ATTEST:
/S/DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK